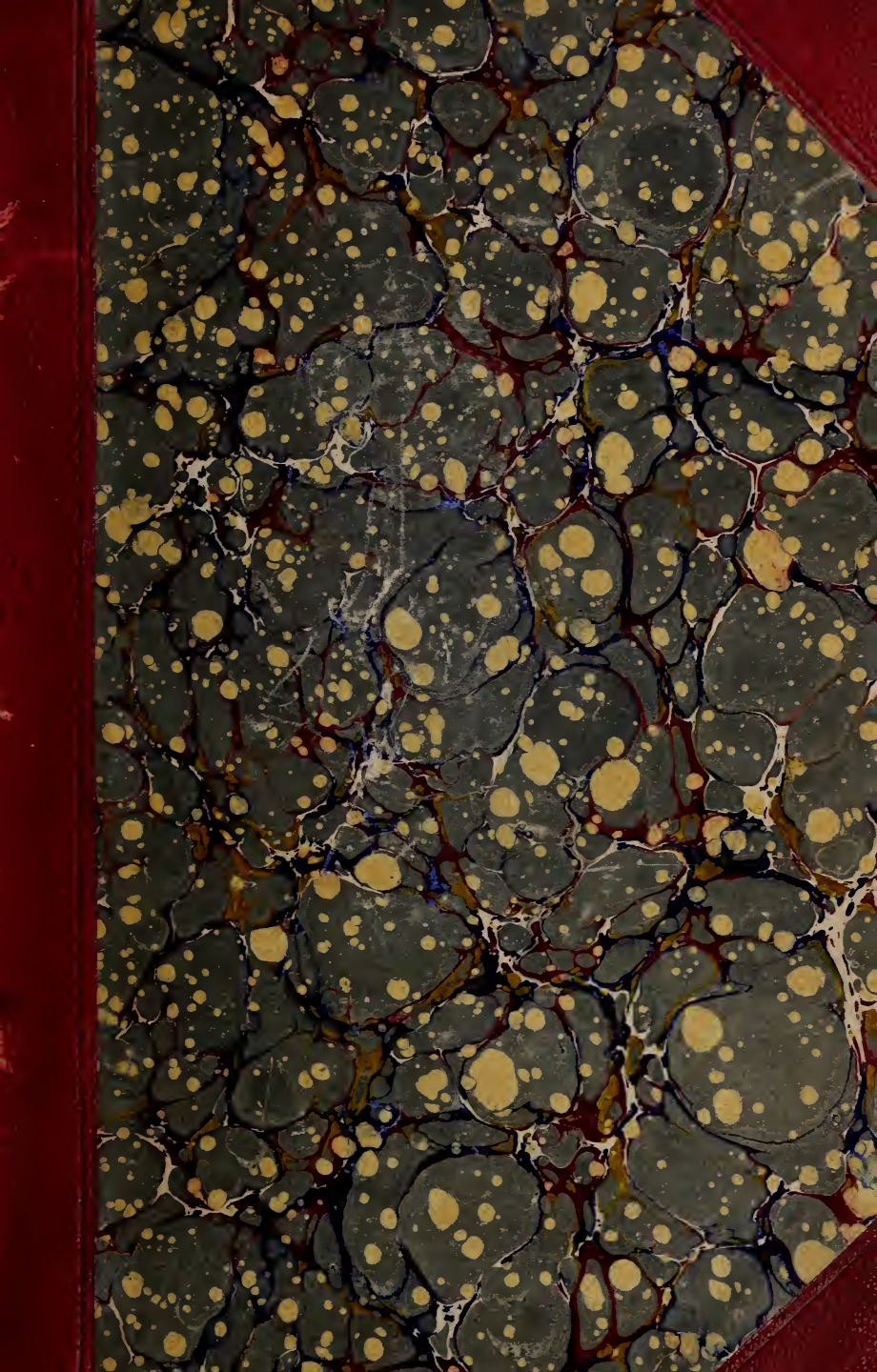

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Siam.

*IN AND ABOUT PETCHABURI.**

BY MISS S. M. COFFMAN.

The mission boat, with its drawers and cupboards and shelves for storing away food, clothes, etc, awaits us at Bangkok. Rowers are hired for twenty-four cents per day with enough rice for food. We start out with the rising tide in our favor. The boat moves steadily on. Reading, conversation and sleeping fill our time. At last we notice that the houses along the banks are larger and better built, and, passing around a bend of the river, we see our mission compound, consisting of three large brick houses and one smaller. Two of the houses are occupied by the mission family; the third is the Petchaburi home for Siamese girls, in charge of the missionary ladies. The chapel front is used for worship each morning. The small house is Dr. Sturge's hospital.

Leaving the boat, we climb the steps on the left bank, and enter the yard, with its green grass and blooming flowers. We are gladly welcomed, for our arrival here is a great treat.

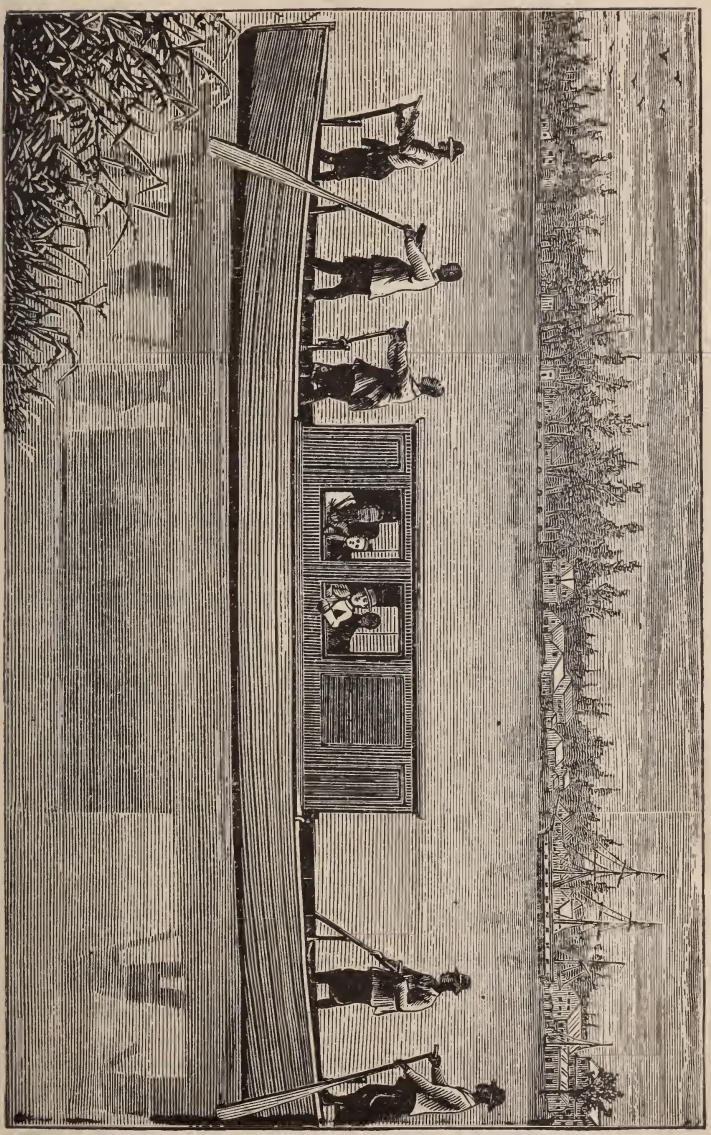
Siam is one of the hot countries where everything moves slowly. Our boat trip of from thirty-six to forty-eight hours has made us glad to rest till evening. When it is cooler we will take a walk to

* From a forthcoming book of the Presbyterian Board of Publication on Siam and Laos.

the nearest mountain, which is about three-quarters of a mile from the mission compound. The road along the river bank is some forty or fifty feet wide and very smooth, shaded on either side by beautiful trees. We pass several native houses, and come to a beautiful grassy plain, beyond which are rice fields reaching to the foot of "The Mountain of the Highest Heaven." On its summit stands the large royal summer palace, built by the late supreme king, whose white buildings glitter in the sun, and form a beautiful contrast to the green ranges of distant hills. His majesty and his court spend part of every year here. A paved walk with steps leads up the hill. Passing some plain two-story brick buildings, you come to the wide terraces and surrounding barracks of his majesty's private apartments, the walls of which are covered with rough paintings, representing some of the Buddhistic fables. The floor of the king's reception-room is paved with marble blocks about a foot square, and at one side is a raised seat for the king. Royalty in Siam never sits on a level with common people. A very pretty Brussels mat is placed for his feet; and when he visits the palace a set of stuffed chairs covered with blue brocade satin are brought to ornament the place.

There are a number of smaller buildings surrounding the palace for the numerous attendants of the king. On the very summit of the hill, separate from the palace, is a large audience hall—a long, low room, almost entirely bare, with a semicircular throne, consisting of four stone steps, at one end. Two large Siamese paintings—"The Reception of the French Ambassadors at Court" and "Bonzes Worshipping Gaudama"—are painted on the side walls. There is also a round brick tower about thirty feet in height, used as an observatory. The view from this tower is enchanting—on one side extensive fields of ripened paddy, groves of sugar palms and cocoanuts, with here and there a hill rising abruptly from the plain; the city, the river, the canals, and far off to the east the blue waters of the gulf; west and south there extend at least three distinct ranges of low, thickly-wooded hills.

If it were earlier in the day, we would ascend the mountain and visit the Buddhist temple and large pagoda near, and measure the great image of Buddha, twice as tall as a very tall man, and each foot seven feet long, with fingers and toes as large around as the body of a stout person; but it is nearing sunset, and we turn our faces homeward. Our road leads through rice fields, which reach to the foot of the mountain. We meet people coming home from their work in the fields. Some of them have poles across their shoulders, to which are attached bundles of sticks for fuel, or perhaps sheaves of rice which they have gathered. Some stop to speak to us or to look at us, and we give them a tract or one of the



THE MISSION BOAT.

Gospels; but we must not tarry, for when the sun is gone in these tropical countries it is soon dark. The brick building a little to the right as we return is the Presbyterian church of Petchaburi.

The next morning we take an early start for the Royal Cave. It is too far to walk; so we ride over the same road we took before to the foot of the mountain, then off to the right a mile to another mountain. We leave the conveyance and climb the mountain side to a gate, which we enter, and find steps which lead down into the cave. The nooks and corners are filled with idols and figures representing the miseries of the lost, and the bottom of the cave is paved with tiles and surrounded on all sides with rows of idols, large and small. The cave itself is grand, with its columns of stalactites and stalagmites. From one of the former water drops so fast that a plaster basin has been made to receive it. This water is very cool and pleasant to drink. An opening at the top of the cave admits the sunshine and brightens the whole scene. Here are two large rooms, the second unpaved, but having rows of idols, and being lighted from the top like the first. Passing through this room, we come into a narrow way as dark as possible, leading into a very small space lighted from above, where we find a very long ladder. Up, up we go, and again we find ourselves on the mountain side. We are glad to return home, for the heat has grown very oppressive while we were in the cave.

At about three o'clock we will take a walk to the city to see the market, and as we stroll along the bank of the river we pass the three brick houses belonging to the ex-regent of Siam. These are thickly shaded by large trees, and the green lawn is bounded by a hedge. Here we enter a street of the city, and soon come to a massive bridge; and turning to the left, cross the river, and find ourselves upon the main street of the city. It seems strange to call it a city, and yet its population is estimated at twenty thousand. The streets are very narrow, and have no sidewalks. Some of the houses are brick and some bamboo. The stores have an open room next the street, with a little porch, where the salesman or saleswoman sits. The people who have brought articles to market for sale have arranged their wares on either side the street, and now we are surrounded by fish, pork, vegetables and fruits in such abundance that it is difficult to make one's way among them.

As we pass up the street we come to a large open gate on either side. That on the left opens into the governor's grounds. His excellency is hearing a case. The court-room is simply a shed, where the governor sits on a chair or bench, while the accused and accuser, the witness and judges, sit on the ground at his feet. The gate on the right opens into a yard surrounding the new court-house, a good brick building, from which a walk leads to the

river. This river is like one street of the city, for boats are passing and repassing constantly.

Leaving the market, we pass on and find the houses built farther apart, and there are more shade trees. The people on either side are cooking their rice, and some are already eating. Soon we come to a nice clean cross street, and, following this, we reach another running parallel with the river, and the prettiest street of the city. It has plenty of shade and several temples, including one in Chinese architecture, highly ornamented. In the temple grounds are some very pretty flowers, and when we reach the governor's place we find a really beautiful garden, with a summer house covered with blooming vines standing in the midst, surrounded by a variety of well-selected and beautifully-arranged flowers. A little farther on we come to a cross street that brings us to the vice-governor's place, back across main street and to the bridge. We pause here for our final look at the lovely scene. Up and down the river boats are passing constantly. On either side of the stream are stately palms, the spreading mango and the feathery branches of the bamboo. Facing the bridge where we stand is Palace Mountain, with its sides dressed in green and its summit crowned with the brilliancy of the setting sun. We gaze on its splendor; and as we stand hushed by the beauty all about us, our hearts go up in prayer that it may be but a symbol of the beauty of holiness that shall soon cover this fair land.

SHADOWS IN LAOS.

MRS. K. M. WILSON.

THE vicissitudes and experiences of the North Laos mission during the last three years are anomalous. During the last year the fever has prevailed in the form of a pestilence, wasting the strength and cutting short the lives of hundreds in the province of Chieng Mai. The missionaries wrought night and day, even when ill themselves with the prevalent malaria, in attending to sufferers who besought their assistance. What a record it is of sickness and death! Letter after letter comes with this sorrowful news from Chieng Mai. October and November letters speak more hopefully and more certainly of the gradual decline of such wide-spread sickness and general prostration. Many of the dear Christian natives have been sick. Some have recovered and some have died.

A fact that is self-evident to every Christian heart is that the Laos, in common with all humanity, need the consolations of the gospel of Christ. Do not leave them in their ignorance and helplessness and loneliness to the solitudes of heathenism. Do not leave

them while they are crying out for help, with tears of sorrow running down their cheeks. Do not leave them while they are groping their way to the cross.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

The following letter has recently been received from Miss Mary L. Cort, who will, we hope, be with us before this magazine reaches our readers:

THIS may be my last letter to *Woman's Work* ere I go home and talk to the womanly workers. The people have been coming for the past two or three weeks for their good-by visits, and to bring their little parting gifts. They have said a great many kind things, and more than one has thanked me for staying so long in their land and teaching and helping them. Many have promised to pray for me, and I know they will; and if wishing me a safe and pleasant voyage will assure me one, I shall certainly be wafted over without even one sea-sick qualm.

A company of Laos women came with their gifts of glutinous rice, and they said I must be sure and come back again after I have had my visit, and they promised to "*kit tung mem*" (think *to* me). The Spirit of God is busy in the Laos villages, and there are now several inquirers among that interesting people.

Our week of prayer has just closed with the Lord's Supper. Mr. Dunlap always brings "beaten oil" to the sanctuary, and this, with the Holy Spirit and a dozen new side lamps purchased by the little native Sabbath-school children, helped to lighten our hearts and the room. I suppose you who have gas or electric lights would laugh at ours; but *we* rejoice over them, and are glad for anything that shines in this dark place. There were over one hundred at the supper, and four men and two little children were baptized, and twenty-two other applicants received on probation. This makes three score and nine adults baptized since Mr. Dunlap's return. There are others on probation from a previous communion, and many inquirers.

I was out a few days since, paying farewell visits to my schools. It is sad work, and as I returned from my beloved school and a call upon a sick pupil I love very much, I came weeping along Temple Street. I could not help it. I am very sorry to leave all these dear little children. Then, too, I had my farewell meeting with the Christian women. There were a goodly number present, and I read Matt. ii. I could not think of a better theme than the old-new story of Christ, who came to be our Saviour. And as all the prophecies concerning His wonderful birth and awful death have

been literally fulfilled, so all those yet to be will be. I told the women He would surely come again; we should all see Him, stand before Him and be judged by Him, and rewarded or punished according to His decision. Then we prayed that God would keep us in His love and fear, and bring us to meet with joy before His throne in heaven.

As the Siamese say, "I have two hearts about it," one that would like to stay here, and another that is already enjoying in anticipation the glad meetings with dear friends at home.

MISSIONARY LADIES IN SIAM AND LAOS.

REPRESENTING THE W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Chas. S. McClelland, Petchaburi.
Mrs. E. A. Sturge, "
Mrs. Daniel McGilvary, Chieng Mai.
Mrs. Chalmers Martin, Chieng Mai.
*Mrs. James W. Van Dyke.

REPRESENTING THE W. P. B. M. OF THE NORTHWEST.

*Mrs. Jonathan Wilson, Chieng Mai.
Miss Antoinette Warner, " "
Mrs. S. C. Peoples, " "
Miss Mary E. Hartwell, Bangkok.
Miss Laura A. Olmstead, "

A TEACHERS' CONVENTION IN SYRIA.

From Mrs. Bird's Annual Report of Schools.

IN the first part of September, immediately after the examinations, we held a teachers' convention in Deir el Komr for our corps of laborers in that section of our field. A Sabbath, the whole of Monday and the morning of Tuesday were devoted to the meetings.

On the first day, after the morning sermon, preached to a good congregation, was the examination of the Sabbath-school before the assembled teachers, to whom were illustrated various methods of instructing and interesting children in the study of the Bible. The pupils were wide awake, to say nothing of their audience. The speaker would make mistakes in his story, to be set right by the little ones. A description would be given, a sort of word-picture, and they would tell the actors and the places. Again, not a word would be said, but from the looks and gestures they were to recognize the incident intended. Jacob's ladder, the walls of Jericho and Goliath's death made the bright eyes sparkle and the eager hands go up; and when the word was given, the ready answers burst forth from many delighted lips. History and doctrine were alike subjects of examination, but of course memory rather than judgment bore away the palm.

* In this country.

In the afternoon were the communion services, at which were present many besides the thirty who sat down at the Lord's table. The evening was devoted to the monthly concert, at which those present were told of the progress of the gospel in distant lands.

On Monday were religious exercises, with addresses on the study of the Bible, the keeping of the Sabbath, prayer, change of heart, baptism of the Spirit and modern revivals. The whole day and evening were given up to these important subjects, which were started by one of the missionaries, and then discussed by the teachers. Tuesday was devoted more particularly to the modes of teaching the various branches required in our schools, closing with remarks (from 12 to 1½ o'clock) on giving and working for the Master.

The three principal teachers in the Deir el Komr school are from Ain Zehalta, which is quite amusing, taken in connection with an incident that occurred some years ago. The present pastor of Ain Zehalta, before his ordination and while a newly fledged Protestant, was on a visit to Deir el Komr. "Hallo there," said a friend, "so you from the *rock heaps* of Ain Zehalta think that you are wiser than we city folks!" "Wait a while," was the answer, "and see if our children don't become your teachers!" As good as a prophecy. His own son is principal.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN PERSIA.

Miss Jewett, of Tabriz, writes:

"Miss Holliday seems very well, and is getting hold of the languages and the work and the people in a wonderful manner. She is studying Armenian and picking up Turkish, and in a short time will be at home in both languages. She went with me in making the Armenian Biram calls, of which we made seventy-five in four days, and she seems to endure it about as well as I. During the week of prayer I had a blessed time. The topics for prayer and the selections of Scripture seemed especially appropriate and instructive, and I enjoyed studying them very much. We had an English meeting for ourselves at two, after that a meeting in Turkish in the church for the people; and then the women remained after the men were dismissed, and we had a meeting all our own, and some precious meetings we had too. Several of my women were sick, and thus unable to attend; but I visited every one, and all, without an exception, appeared to be in a most desirable state of heart. The sisters in the church who were able to attend the meetings generally took part in speaking and in prayer. Several who had never before been willing to open their lips had their tongues

loosed and both spoke and prayed. You know that the beginning of any good work in any place must be first in the hearts of God's people, and the influence extends and is felt by those around them. What a fearful responsibility I have to guide and train these priceless souls for eternity! The thought at times overcomes me, when I realize my utter weakness and unworthiness. But so long as I can keep continually near my Saviour, and feel the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit in my heart, then only am I safe, and then only can I exert the proper influence upon those under my care. I do earnestly desire to be so kept that I shall not be permitted to make any mistakes.

"Also during the week of prayer very precious meetings were held every evening in Lalawa for the school-boys. Mr. Wilson, who has charge of that school, talked personally with each of the older boys in his room in the mornings, and his work was blessed. Five of the Armenian and four or five of the Mussulman boys professed to have experienced a change of heart, and they were very enthusiastic in taking part in the meetings. Four of our Mussulman gate-keepers have professed themselves Christians. Two of the school-girls are thought to be truly converted, and others are very hopeful. Eighteen or nineteen of our people, we trust, have become Christians; but it is necessary to exercise very great care in receiving new members into the church. We are encouraged, and I feel that the good work is only begun, that there are before us years of patient, faithful, earnest working, and who can tell what the harvest will be?

"Especially do I feel this in reference to my women, who are so ignorant. Yesterday afternoon I had a precious meeting with six Mussulman women, in all of whom I am deeply interested, one being the wife of one of the gate-keepers. Her husband requested me to teach her, saying, 'When one gets a good thing he wants to share it with those he loves, and I want my wife to be a Christian too.' I went to see her, and she has begun to come to my meetings for Mussulman women on Friday afternoons. Her husband teaches her at night, when he goes home, what he has learned through the day. I want to organize these Mussulman women into a class to receive regular instruction in the Christian life. One day last winter I was talking with two of the dullest women. It did seem to me they were so stupid it was almost of no use to try to teach them anything. I set myself to teach one little simple truth—the difference between man and brute; that man has a soul and the brute has not; that when the brute dies he is finished, but when man dies his soul exists throughout eternity. I went over it again and again, and at last they seemed to grasp the idea, and to get it fixed in their minds as something they knew. Yesterday I

asked one of these women the distinction between man and brute, and she answered promptly and correctly. She had been to the meetings but very few times since until yesterday.

"So it is little by little, line upon line, precept upon precept. I am more and more convinced that special, earnest, personal, continued, persevering work with a few is more profitable than talking to crowds. I desire to be constantly remembered in your prayers."

SIDE LIGHTS ON MISSION WORK.

THREE-FOURTHS of the Bibles shipped from New York to foreign mission stations go to Mexico and South America. After the Bible has been so long prohibited in these nominally Christian lands, this is a great triumph.

TEHERAN, Persia, has been putting on the forms of civilization during the last decade, and is rapidly increasing in size. Telegraphs, gas-lights, post-offices, carriages and improved buildings mark its progress; yet thus far the taste seems to incline more towards the luxurious than towards laying the solid foundations of a true and lasting civilization.

JAPAN, though so recently opened to the beneficial influence of intercourse with other nations, is discussing the advantages of a representative government in two hundred newspapers and magazines and from thousands of platforms.

THE first stone of the monument erected to the memory of John Williams, who was killed in the South Sea Islands, was laid by the son of the man who slew him.

FIFTY million converts was the result of the first thousand years of preaching the gospel. During the next eight hundred years the number had twice doubled, while since the opening of the present century and the wonderful advance of foreign missions it has again doubled, reaching now four hundred and fifteen million nominal Christians.

MADAGASCAR has now its first newspaper, composed and printed by the people themselves, and published once a fortnight.

Two prominent members of one of our churches in Brazil have been appointed to positions of trust in Sao Paulo, much to the chagrin of the Romanists.

CURRENT LITERATURE AND MISSIONS.

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.—DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

GOVERNMENT OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE. *The Edinburgh Review*, January, 1884.

INDIA: HER WHEAT AND HER RAILWAYS. William Fowler, M.P. *The Nineteenth Century*, February, 1884.

THE COPTS AND EL-ISLAM. *The Quarterly Review*, January, 1884. Republished in *Littell's Living Age*, February 9, 1884.

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Hong Kong and its Dependencies. Victor M. Hollinsworth. *Dio Lewis' Monthly*, March, 1884.

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Tragedy in Japan. Frank Abell. From Belgravia. *The Eclectic*, March, 1884.

Professor Samuel Wells Williams. President Noah Porter. *The Missionary Herald*, April, 1884.

In the Kauri Forests of New Zealand. C. F. Gordon Cumming. *Lippincott's Magazine*, April, 1884.

Mrs. H. A. Schauffler, missionary at Constantinople and in Austria. By Mrs. Douglass Putnam. The first of a series of brief biographies of American missionaries. Published by American Tract Society.

Gowanda, N. Y. Rev. A. B. Robinson.

BOOK NOTICES.

Self-Support.*—The training of the native churches to self-support is one of the perplexing problems connected with the work of foreign missions. The thorough evangelization of any of the great heathen or Mohammedan countries hinges on the solution of this problem. The dominant idea of the book before us is that the native churches can be trained to self-support. This is illustrated by the history of the Bassein Karen mission, of which the author gives an outline covering the years from 1840, when the first seeds were sown, to 1880, at which time the statistics show 92 self-supporting churches, a membership of nearly 8000. Mr. Carpenter speaks from personal knowledge, having labored in Burmah for the past twenty years. The wonderful development of the Christian graces in this oppressed heathen people is shown by their self-forgetfulness in the midst of famine and pestilence, their fortitude under wrong and oppression, and their self-sacrificing efforts to support the gospel in their midst. No one can read this interesting account without being brought into closer, more prayerful sympathy with this great cause. We heartily commend the book to our readers. No Presbyterial or Sabbath-school library is complete without it. The book is full of suggestive thoughts for all mission workers.

Wild Tribes of the Soudan.†—This is one of the most attractive of the numerous books that have been published lately giving details of travel in Africa. It is superbly gotten up. The fine paper, clear type, forty illustrations from photographs taken on the ground, and three maps, will add to the pleasure of all who delight in studying the latest news from this country, about which still lingers the charm of mystery. The author gives his personal experiences and adventures during three winters spent in the Soudan. A part of this time they were in the Basé country, which had previously been unexplored by the white man. This is not a missionary book, but it is entertaining and instructive. All must be charmed by the graphic accounts of this wonderful country, and as the degradation of these heathen tribes is brought before the mind so vividly, may not some hearts be stirred to earnest effort to bring to these benighted races the knowledge of the blessed gospel of Christ?

* Self-Support. Illustrated in the History of the Bassein Karen Mission. By Rev. C. H. Carpenter. 12mo, pp. 442. Boston: Rand, Avery & Co. $1.50. Any minister, missionary, theological student, mission band or Sabbath-school may obtain the book, postpaid, for $1.16, by addressing the author at *Newton Centre*, Mass.

† Wild Tribes of the Soudan. An Account of Travel and Sport chiefly in the Basé Country. By F. L. James, M.A., F.R.G.S. Pp. 272. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. $5.00.

For the Young People.

Three Marys;

OR,

THREE INTERPRETATIONS OF MARK xvi. 15.

BY LOUISE MANNING HODGKINS.

(*Continued.*)

My wealthy friend is a girl in one of our northern cities. I call her a girl because she is of the same age, a trifle younger, in fact, than the other two; but she is really a young matron, in her own house, busy with all the comforts and cares, privileges and perplexities of young wifehood and motherhood. The world and her church would, for the present, excuse her from anything more taxing than giving her sympathy and prayers to the ways and means used for hastening the coming of the kingdom of Christ on the earth; because she genuinely gives both of these, she cannot stop here.

She is well, both in a physical and spiritual sense; the former being largely the result of her belief that "all possible health is a duty, and all avoidable sickness a sin." So she does not excuse herself, but nearly every day of her life ponders and practices that text: "Go ye into all the world." Her husband and child, dear as they are, are not "all the world to her." This is how she obeys Mark xvi. 15: One day of every week she calls her missionary day, and her thought-journeys are as practical in their results as if she had spent that day in an Indian zenana or a Turkish harem. She takes a dozen or more missionary periodicals, —*The Helping Hand*, *Missionary Link*, *Life and Light*, *Heathen Woman's Friend*, *Woman's Work for Woman*, *Foreign Missionary*, *China's Millions*, *Révue Christienne*, *The Missionary Herald*, *Woman's Work in the Harvest Field*,—all these and more you would find on her desk or table. I presume she has now added *The Gospel in All Lands*—the latest born of great missionary periodicals.

To help on the cause, perhaps you think. I can see her indignation should you suggest this as one of her charities! She takes these papers to make herself intelligent upon a subject that interests her twenty times as much as the local news of her own town, or the latest sensation created by any public lecturer or dramatic artist could possibly do; and she puts the subscription in her book of expenditures in the same list with the *North American Review*, the *Atlantic*, *Blackwood's Magazine*, *Nineteenth Century* and *Harper's*. She could tell you almost

as accurately what England and Scotland and Germany have done in the line of missionary endeavor as what Park Avenue church, of which she is so worthy a member, has accomplished.

On the morning of her missionary day—which, if you care to know, is Thursday, many people's calling day—you would find her at her desk and surrounded by the most newly arrived of her missionary periodicals. She has run them through at odd times before, from sheer inability to wait for the latest news from heathendom,—this is her "gospel fancy-work," but now she is planning for real work, and has a great scrap-book spread out before her. I doubt whether another woman in Christendom has just such a book. Its compartments are labelled China, India, Japan, Mexico, North American Indians and so on, to the very end of the world. Beneath each heading, in her own clear hand, is a brief description of the country occupied by each people, its size, climate, productions, form of government, marked historical epochs and prevailing religion, all of which ends by a small map of the country described, which she obtained by cutting up a modern atlas. Then begins her scrap-book; and sometimes by printed extracts clipped from her periodicals, sometimes, for abridgment's sake, in her own hand, is retold the story of how the leaven is leavening this portion of heathendom. It runs something like this, under China, for example:—"Area of Chinese empire, 5,000,000 miles; of China Proper, 1,500,000 miles." And then, lest these long rows of ciphers should convey an indefinite idea, follows, in marks of parenthesis, ("Half as large as all Europe.")

"Great variety of physical conformation.

"Climate, semi-tropical; for excellent descriptions of climate, productions—mineral and vegetable—exports and imports, *vide* early chapters, i. to viii., of 'Eden's China.' Number of inhabitants, 450,000,000." And again in marks of parenthesis: ("One-third of the whole population of the globe; land and water alike densely populated.")

"Language, oral, many dialects; language, written, one dialect. [Most complicated of all languages; takes as long for a foreigner to learn it as to acquire a liberal education in his own language.]

"For description of inhabitants, *vide* 'Middle Kingdom' (Dr. Williams); Eden's 'China, Historical and Descriptive,' chapters xiii. to xv.; Mrs. Nevius' 'Our Life in China,' chapter v.; 'China, Pictorial and Descriptive,' Bohn's Libraries; Brush's 'Five Years in China,' chapters x. and xi.; Pres. Julius Seelye's Christian Missions, Lecture i.

"Agriculture and literature the employments held in the highest esteem. Railroads and telegraphy a comparatively recent introduction.

"Government—Monarchical, but limited by conservatism produced by traditions.

"Religions. I. Confucianism. II. Taoism. III. Buddhism. *Vide* Dr. Legge's Essay at Mildmay Conferences, London, 1878."

Then follow the map and the record of missionary work, which I can only begin: "First missionary to China, sent by the English Church, 1807. Religious and literary work wonderful; for notable incidents, *vide*

"Mrs. Morrison's 'Life of Dr. Morrison;' also M. Renusat's 'Journal des Savants,' 1824. (Dr. M. died without seeing China open to missions)

"Periods of work in China.—1807–1829, English foreign missionary work. 1842, Treaty that opened China to the world."

The periods of growth succeeding these dates are in decades, to show the rate of progression, and under each denomination are the names of the superintending or leading missionaries. Marked on the map are the places occupied by each, in various figures to denote the various churches. She learned that fashion by infringing on the patent of Colton's Missionary Map of the World.

But it takes so much time! Certainly it does, but is it not time well expended? What my friend has not time for is many so-called society calls—for giving or attending large parties, for planning an elaborate wardrobe for her person, or managing an elaborate *cuisine* for her table.

On the afternoon of missionary day, every other week, there gathers in her parlors a company of young people. It was not easy to gather them for their first meeting; it would not be easy to disband them to-day, for together they have gone into all the world, and are bound by the happy associations of much fellow-travelling.

While they journey their fingers are rarely idle, and foreign and home missionary stations, as well as the poor of their own city, attest the practical results of their labors. Before they came together for their first meeting, my friend had collected such a quantity of genuine India cooking utensils, toys, musical instruments, weapons, models of temples and idols, as was possible to a woman resolved to make this subject as interesting to this particular set of young people as a centennial party had been a few years before. Didn't she send to Vanity Fair for a Martha Washington costume then, and what was more natural than that she should go to the Missionary Rooms for Oriental garments now?

She took the trouble to find out how to prepare a dish of rice in genuine India fashion, that these girls might realize what half the world ate instead of bread and butter. She had photographs of the Taj, the caves of Elephanta, the Pearl Mosque of Agra, scenes from streets of Calcutta, Bombay and on the Ganges, to accompany readings and story-tellings; and more than once her famous scrap-book was laid under contribution in verifying statements and answering questions.

(To be continued.)

*A SIAMESE WEDDING.**

BY MRS. VAN DYKE.

I DO not know much about the earliest years of Leang, save that she lived most of the day out of doors among the flowers and fruit trees of the garden which surrounded her home, where the tall cocoanut towered loftily over the waving leaves of the banana. She must have had the birds for her companions, for her merry laugh always reminded one of their carol.

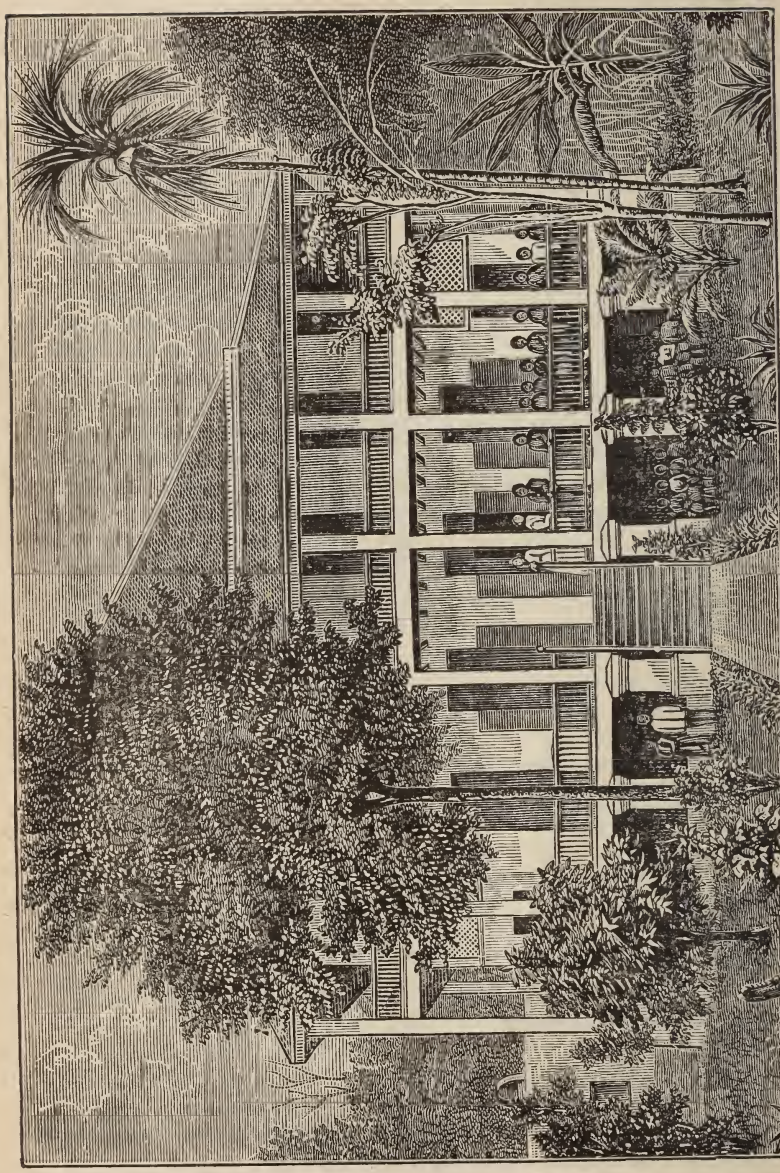
When I first met her she was a bright child of six or seven summers—for the year in Siam is one long bright summer. She had soft black eyes and hair that was black also, but all shaven, except one little place on the top of the head, where it had been allowed to grow long, and was twisted into a tight smooth knot, fastened by one long gold pin, the head of which was as large as your thumb and set full of precious stones.

She was very friendly, and often visited the missionaries, and when Mrs. House started a school for children on her veranda she was invited to join them. Here she learned to sing, read, write and sew. In later years she joined the church, and was often in our family, and was much loved for her winning ways.

When Leang was about seventeen years of age, and her parents thought it time for her to be married, they received an offer from a wealthy Chinaman, who had already two or more wives, but who wanted to add a new ornament to his harem. He was a heathen, much older than herself, and Leang's heart had long been in the keeping of a young Siamese Christian, who had met her in the mission house, where he also visited. Her parents scolded, took away her ornaments, beat her, and threatened banishment from home; but Leang remained firm in her refusal to marry the Chinaman. At length, after a long period of trial and waiting, the young Siamese won the reluctant consent of the parents to marry their daughter.

And now perhaps you think it is time to prepare for the wedding—no, not yet. The Siamese have a superstition that persons born in certain years are incompatible with each other. For instance: if one were born in the "year of the dog" and another in the "year of the rat," they could not live happily together. The matter is accordingly referred to some fortune-teller, who for a small fee usually pronounces no difficulty in the way. The matter of birthdays being settled favorably, the elders make another call for a further discussion of preliminaries. They say, "Since birthdays do not interfere, what shall be said about the usual stock for the young people to commence life upon and the money for build-

* From a forthcoming book of the Presbyterian Board of Publication on Siam and Laos.



MISSION HOUSE.

ing the house?" for, according to Siamese custom, the bridegroom puts up the house on the premises of the bride's parents, and as near the old home as possible.

All these matters favorably settled in the case of our young people, Leang's parents hastened to consult the astrologers in reference to a propitious day for the wedding, and the young man engaged workmen to build the bamboo house, which did not take long or cost much. It grew day by day, until the sound of saw and hammer was no longer heard, and the new home was ready. The wedding day hastened on, and the little house was festooned with the broad, graceful leaves of the banana and adorned with the tall green stalks of the sugar-cane, symbolical of peace and fruitfulness. Flowers and fruits are arranged in fantastic designs on the walls; bright-colored cloth is gracefully draped as curtains and screens. All things are at last ready. The feast of fruits, cakes and sweetmeats is spread on mats upon the grass among the trees and flowers, and the hosts await the arrival of the guests.

By and by the sound of tabret and pipe and bands of music herald the coming of a sort of procession. One by one they come —musicians with their oddly-shaped instruments, old men and women, young men, maidens and children—all gayly dressed in holiday attire, some bearing trays containing gifts for the bride and her parents, others with fruits and confections to contribute to the already generously-prepared wedding feast.

Among her young friends, serving at the feast and bearing trays here and there among the guests, flits the pretty bride. Although her face is brown, the rosy blush is plainly seen on her cheeks. The bridegroom sits apart from the women among his young men attendants. Conversation flows on; the sound of merry voices tells of happiness and good will. All have been served, and the feast is over. The money has been brought forward, and counted by reliable persons, and found correct. Both sums are thrown together, and sprinkled with rice, scented oil and flowers, symbolical of blessings craved for the young people. It is then handed over to the parents of the bride for safe keeping. The wedding gifts, consisting of common household utensils, have been formally presented and duly admired.

The afternoon is now far spent. The band strikes up a sort of a wedding march. The groom, attired in plum-colored silk *panung* and a neatly-fitting white jacket, rises and leaves the group, attended by his young friends, all dressed in much the same style, and walks toward the neighboring house of the American missionary. At a respectful distance follow some of the matrons, aged women and maidens. In their midst, like a gay butterfly, dressed in a red and yellow silk waist-cloth, a brilliant green silk tight-

fitting jacket, and a fire-colored silk scarf thrown gracefully over her shoulders, walks the young bride.

The guests all go up through the veranda into the house, where they are welcomed by the missionary. Chairs are offered, but many prefer to crouch upon the floor, as they have never been elevated above it in all their lives.

The Christian marriage that follows is a novel episode to many present. At a Siamese wedding Buddhist priests come to the house and chant prayers for the benefit of the young couple. The parents of the bride and bridegroom and all the guests vie with each other in their attentions to these priests, who receive gifts also. The young couple are copiously bathed with holy water, poured by the elders first upon the head of the bridegroom, then on the head of the bride, who pronounce blessings upon each. This of course necessitates a change of wet apparel for dry, usually more gay than the former, the fresh suit for the bridegroom being frequently presented him on a salver by a lad sent from the parents of the bride.

But to return to our young couple. After repeating, with clasped hands, their vows to love, cherish, honor and live with each other until death, the missionary pronounces the blessing, and congratulations are offered by their friends. The parties then separate; and as they came to the house, so they go back to their guests in the garden.

The feasting continues until the twilight has waned and the full clear moon transforms everything into silvery beauty. Then preparations are made for the torchlight procession to conduct the bridegroom and bride to the new home. The torches were made of pitch rolled into small sticks about two feet long, and wrapped around with the dried attap leaf. The groom's attendants escort him, with lighted torches, to his home; and at the same time a lad is dispatched by the bride bearing a tray of the *areca* nut, with all its concomitants, ready for chewing, tobacco, *seri* leaf, red lime and soft wax for the lips. He met them at the door, and, placing the tray before them, invited them to partake.

After an interval, two or three matrons, with Leang's maiden attendants, light their torches, and the little bride, shy and trembling, but with her heart full of happiness, is in her turn escorted to the little home. All sit down on the little veranda, the maidens apart from the men. The tray with the betel nut is passed to them, and they all partake freely. Then, after more friendly chatting and some suitable exhortations from the matrons and congratulations from all, the guests depart, our young friends are left to themselves, and another Christian home adds its rays to the light which we hope will ere long cover Siam.

MAY MEETINGS.

For the benefit of those who are thinking of holding a May meeting for the first time, we give a few hints which may prove helpful.

In cities and large towns the first and all-important thing is unity of action. For this purpose a meeting of the leaders of the various bands should be called to decide upon the programme and the central thought to be presented at the meeting. Such a conference will prove helpful in many ways; new methods may be discussed, and much is always gained by a careful comparing of notes. The plan of action decided upon, let the children be enlisted. Make them feel that it is to be their meeting, and that its success depends upon their faithfulness. In carrying out the details of your programme, try to have at least one representative from each band. Another thing, *make use of the boys!* You will find them most efficient helpers. Let your reception committee be largely composed of them, and give them the entire charge of the printing of programmes, seating, etc., etc. Allow plenty of time for rehearsals, that everything may pass off smoothly.

We add, as a specimen programme, one which has been prepared by a leader of a band, and which may be suggestive and helpful to others.

Organ Voluntary.
Invocation.
Recitation.—"The Children's Crusade."*
Hymn.—"Toiling On."

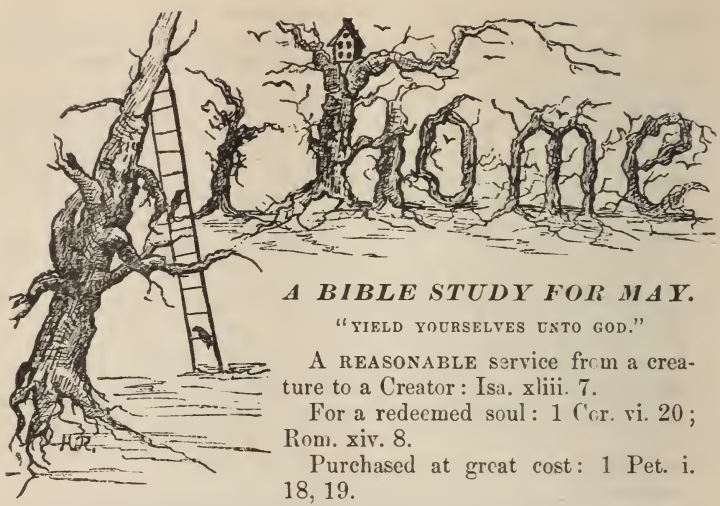
(Where it is practicable, this may be used as a processional, the bands entering at this time as if in response to the closing appeal in the recitation.)

Prayer.
Responsive Bible Reading.
Hymn.—"Glory and Praise and Honor."
Exercise by the Children.—"Work for the Little Ones."
Reports.

(This part of the programme may be made very attractive, if arranged as an original dialogue.)

Address.
Hymn.
Collection.—(During which may be recited "Missionary Music.")
Hymn.
Benediction.

* The exercises in this programme are all taken from "Mission Band Exercises," Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price, 30 cents.



A BIBLE STUDY FOR MAY.

"YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD."

A REASONABLE service from a creature to a Creator: Isa. xliii. 7.

For a redeemed soul: 1 Cor. vi. 20; Rom. xiv. 8.

Purchased at great cost: 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.

Our duty in view of this: Rom. vi. 13, 19 l. c.; xii. 1, 2.

Gratitude demands it: 1 Pet. ii. 9; 1 John iv. 10, 11; iii. 16.

Because we are dear children: Eph. v 1.

And should be obedient children: 1 Pet. i. 14–16.

The attitude of such obedient children: Acts ix. 6 f. c.

The great work Christ sets before His obedient children: Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

His latest promise to them: Acts i. 8.

"The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and *that* He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again."

MRS. ROBERT AIKMAN.

PRAISE AND PRIVILEGE.

"EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father." "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price."

We are stewards then of our pleasant home, precious children, loving friends, sheltering church and free country. Shall I add to this list of good things sorrows and disappointments? A psalm of praise reads, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted." God's object lessons confirm this idea. The beautiful flowers and the green grass droop and wither in the constant sunshine; but when the clouds and showers come they are refreshed, and delicate per-

fumes load the air. Yes, we will enumerate affliction as a good gift. Then no one is excused from expressions of gratitude—that divine impulse planted in every heart. It will show itself in the eye, be heard in the voice, be felt through the hand.

In the early times of the Jewish Church whole days were set apart for thanksgiving, showing God's appreciation of it. Christianity was heralded with song, and the ear of St. John caught the majestic melody of the songs of the redeemed, which we too shall hear when we become like Him whom they exalt.

Such allusions may seem far removed from our uneventful every-day lives as to time of occurrence, but they influence us now. If each woman here were to voice her joy, it would produce a medley of sound, but the source is one and the same for all—Christ our Saviour. He exalted us to our privileges in this life, and, by ascending bodily to heaven, assured us of the reality of another world, and gave us hope of a future life. Do we endorse these statements? Are gratitude, happiness, praise, pleasant words to the ear simply, or do they express real sentiments? Our lives are the answer.

It is as natural to tell another of some great joy as it is to breathe. I remember that many years ago a friend received from Europe a magnifying lens, through which the photographs of foreign views and the paintings of the old masters seemed wonderfully real. After studying every figure my friend said, "I want all the people to enjoy this with me. Now I know what was the feeling of the woman that found her lost piece of silver and would call in all the neighbors." The same idea has been expressed that "we are not moved towards others by God's love, because that love is really not a matter of experience with us." What, accept the love of God, the redemption of Christ, and have no desire to tell others, *everybody*, of their efficacy!

This does not fully apply to this church. A beginning has been made which is encouraging, but not satisfying. General information concerning the needs of humanity has brought this about. You have worked vigorously for our own land, while our government is slowly getting ready to assist Christians in our grand West. The door of every foreign country is open to the Bible teacher, and you have entered in. Indeed a voice is heard in every language asking, beseeching English-speaking Christians to teach them the way of life; but to-day we are not going to dwell upon the magnitude of the work set for us to do. We are to give thanks that we are considered worthy to work with and for Christ. We need to imbibe so much of His spirit here, and lose ourselves so completely in Him that we shall sing in our hearts all the remaining days of our lives, and in the night cease not.

I have found in Mrs. Clara Schauffler's private diary four hints to help preserve this mind in us:

"1st. To get hold daily of some portion of Scripture (not large), and live up to it.

"2d. To do what we know to be our duty—all we know the Lord asks of us.

"3d. To practice self-denial in some definite form every day, as Christ did, who pleased not Himself, but spent His time and strength in works of mercy.

"4th. To pray in the morning before setting about the day's duties."

Let the same mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus. "Let love be without dissimulation." Rejoice in the Lord alway, offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, giving thanks to His name, and the song of the heart, which the lips express here in this earthly church, shall be continued in that temple made without hands, where the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of the Lamb.

NEED, SUPPLY, THANKSGIVING.

The following paper was read by the secretary of a young ladies' mission circle before praise-meeting of First Church, Chicago. Their missionary had returned home on account of ill health, and their president had removed from the city.

A LITTLE less than a year ago the question was before the mission circle, Who is to represent the young ladies of this church in foreign lands? One from their own number had stood for them before the heathen, and, because of former personal relationship, had given a strong impulse to missionary work. Was there any one who could fill her place?

At the head of the list of thoughts for gratitude we would place this one: that when we were seeking a representative worker for Christ He had just the right one in waiting. There may be something of romantic interest in supporting a native teacher in China, India or other foreign field, who occasionally sends to her supporters letters novel in their Oriental expressions; but there can be only the one bond of Christian sisterhood between the home band and the native worker. We find a second cause then for thankfulness in the fact that we have an Illinois girl to work for and to work for us—one who has spent two years in the same city, and is now a member of the same church. It was the privilege of some last summer to meet our missionary socially, and, becoming her personal friends, learn the breadth of her character. Many others have taken her by the hand, and, looking into a face that not only showed love for Christ, but unswerving purpose, felt that

"the name of the Lord God of Israel" would indeed be glorified "in the isles of the sea."

Our need providentially met and inspiration given, what more could we ask? That the responsibility of a larger salary might not discourage faith. And how has that been answered? The amount pledged—$600—has been raised and paid. If the scores from the church who gave so liberally in answer to our call could have been at the December meeting, when reports were given, they might truly have attributed the delight on every face not alone to satisfaction in the result, but gratitude to the church for its hearty support, and to our Master who had quickened every heart.

We are asked to give expression to the experiences of the year that fill the heart with joy and call praise to the lips; but what of the one event that filled all hearts with sadness, that left us, as the poet says, "Like a lute whose leading chord is gone"? Should praise spring there to the lips? For the separation—no; but if the full sweetness of her character and grand high tone of purpose could not have been fully realized by us, without severing of those relations that had been as chords of a lute, then we can say, Give praise even for that!

Miss Havergal has written an exultant missionary hymn on the prophecy in Isaiah, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied," one couplet from which expresses the thanksgiving that each heart feels for its share in this work:

> "Ours the trust, the grand employ,
> To work out this divinest joy!"

We rejoice that, although we are unable to work out this divinest joy directly, we can still furnish the motive power that shall Christianize the world.

But constant power needs an ever-glowing fire. In a dull season, should one visit extensive cotton mills, in one part may be found the great furnaces all on fire within, and throbbing as they transmit their power to the humming looms. Noisy shuttles are darting back and forth, weaving the pretty fabrics. In other parts of the works the furnaces are dark, and all the machinery lies idle. Everything suggests usefulness as in the active departments, but the power is wanting. If we are filled with the fuel of the word, and touched with the fire of the Holy Spirit, we shall become the motive power that will send those shuttles, the gospel ships, across the seas, bearing the bright threads of life-giving light, and returning to us dark threads—tales of sin and degradation—thus weaving a common web of human need and divine succor the world around.

"Soon, soon our waiting eyes shall see the Saviour's mighty jubilee!
His harvest joy is filling fast, He shall be satisfied at last."

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Miss Annie B. Cheek, of the Bingham School, Mebanesville, N. C., has received her appointment to the Laos mission at Chieng Mai. She hopes to accompany her brother, Dr. Cheek, when he returns. Recent letters announce that Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Martin have also decided to labor among the Laos in Chieng Mai.

Miss Jennie Anderson, of Chefoo, China, has returned home for a visit, and is now in Six Points, Blair county, Pa.

Question Corner.

In reply to a suggestion in the "Question Corner" of April number of *Woman's Work* concerning a missionary library, I would suggest:

First.—Subscribe for the *Foreign Missionary*, *Woman's Work*, *Children's Work*, *Gospel in All Lands* and *Missionary Herald*—at least as many as these. An amount of information will be gained from these periodicals which could not be secured in any other way with the same outlay of money. The use of such periodicals and the proof of their value thus afforded will prepare the way for individual subscriptions to them afterward.

Second.—Have a *scrap-book* in which to put cuttings from newspapers which contain items of *permanent interest* in regard to missionary work in the different parts of the world; facts regarding the religions, the customs, the resources, the industries, the history, the establishment of missions, etc., of the various countries.

Third.—Provide thirteen large envelopes. Mark one of these *miscellaneous*, and the others with the names of the twelve countries studied for monthly meetings. Put in these such items as recent reports and news of interest from the various mission fields, which may not be of permanent value.

Fourth.—Get a copy of the "Historical Sketches," furnished by the Woman's Board, and some of the leaflets which are constantly being published. If possible have *maps*. A small missionary atlas will be found very useful, especially when maps can be made upon a blackboard for the missionary meetings. The younger members can be utilized in this work.

Fifth.—When ready to buy *books*, consult some one who is familiar with missionary literature (Rev. A. B. Robinson, for example), and buy a good book upon each country where our missionary work is carried on, adding one this month and one next, or one this year and one next, as the case may be.

M. E. L.

The Annual Meeting of the women's societies auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church will be held, in connection with the General Assembly, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington Street, Saratoga, New York, on Thursday, May 22, beginning at 9.30 A.M. For information as to boarding places, apply to Rev. Alex. Proudfit, Saratoga Springs, New York.

CHIENG MAI HOSPITAL.—IN MEMORIAM OFFERINGS.

"And Jesus called a little child unto Him." Can you not see the little dark-eyed Syrian child stopping in its play to respond to the gentle voice that called it to the Master's side? We cannot doubt that He blessed the little one, and spoke a gracious word directly to it, while He drew the lesson of humility and faith from its helplessness and trust. So the blessing and the lesson have gone hand in hand ever since; not just in the form or manner which they bore in Capernaum that day, but carrying the same blessed truth that "their angels do always behold the face of the Father in heaven," and that we must "take heed" that we "despise not" the teaching of their life or death.

From many a home in this land a little child has been called in this last year into the Good Shepherd's arms. Some wee ones have suddenly heard the voice, and gone with scarcely a warning from the home which cherished them so tenderly. Others have been watched and nursed and held by arms which seemed as if they could not let them go, through days or weeks of suffering. In whatever way the call has come and the darling's place been made empty, mother and father, with aching hearts, have gone back to daily life bearing a great sense of loss and loneliness which only time can rob of its sharpness.

With the belief that to some such sorrowing ones there is comfort in the thought of perpetuating the memory of the little one who has gone, we would suggest the new hospital at Chieng Mai, Laos country, as an object for "in memoriam" offerings. In that heathen land there is no provision for healing or nursing the little sick child any more than the adult, except such as the medical missionary affords. Absurd, superstitious ceremonies are the only means used to remove sickness, as this is considered to be always the work of evil spirits. So the baby droops and dies, the little girl or boy pines away from painful disease, and men and women suffer, grow weary, and give up the battle for life—all for want of proper care and skillful treatment.

Now Dr. Cheek, of Chieng Mai, having treated in one year thousands of these people as best he could in their homes or in a bamboo tent near his house, wants and is to have a hospital, where he can take them under his care for days or weeks, watch and treat them as they need, without fear of interference from ignorant, timid relatives, and where too he can have time and opportunity to do the true *missionary* work, which is always to be bound up with the medical. Half the Christians in that land have been brought into the faith through healing of the body, which has

first satisfied them of the sincerity and trustworthiness of the missionary, and then convinced them of the truth of his religion.

Shall we not then gladly give to Chieng Mai a hospital for this most Christ-like work? And you who have an empty crib or cot in your home, and, oh, such a vacant place in your heart! will you not, in memory of the dear one whom Jesus has called unto Himself, give what you can to bring to these poor Laos people comfort, healing, eternal life?

W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.

1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER-MEETING.

Assembly Room, May 20, 1884, 12 M.

Siam and Laos.—*Text:* "The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped."

Theme for Scripture Reading: Yield yourselves unto God. (Rom. xii. 1; xiv. 7, 8.)

THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Fourteenth Annual Assembly of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the Tenth Presbyterian Church, corner of Twelfth and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Wednesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 1.

WEDNESDAY.

10 A.M.—Devotional Exercises, followed by the reading of the Society's Reports, etc.

2.30 P.M.—Addresses by Missionaries and by Mrs. Layyah Barakat, Syria; also Mrs. Anandabai Joshee, of India, will speak upon the subject of "Child Marriage."

8 P.M.—Popular Meeting. Addresses by H. H. Jessup, D.D., Syria, and F. F. Ellinwood, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

THURSDAY.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Presbyterial Representatives.

10.30 A.M.—Conference Meeting.

2.30 P.M.—"The Mute Appeal." Reports of Committees and Devotional Exercises.

7.30 P.M.—Young People's Meeting, conducted by Rev. T. S. Wynkoop, formerly of India. Addresses by Dr. H. H. Jessup, and Dr. M. A. Cheek, Chieng Mai, Siam.

Lunch will be provided each day for those attending the meetings.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR 1884.

DEAR YOUNG WORKERS:—There is a special work for you to do this year. Will you stop a moment in your busy plans for future duties and pleasures to consider it? Far away in the Laos country there are hundreds and thousands of precious lives lost every year for the want of proper medical treatment. Dr. Cheek, the medical missionary to that people, has labored nobly for them, bodily and spiritually, but it has often been a hand-to hand conflict with ignorance and superstition, as well as with disease and death. Yet, in spite of these difficulties, fully one-half of those who have sought spiritual healing have been led to do so by the help that has been afforded their own diseased bodies or those of some friends.

The medical work now demands increased accommodation; there must be a commodious hospital of brick instead of the bamboo hut that has served hitherto. It is in this work that we want the help of young hands and the sympathy of young hearts. Does some one make ready answer, "Here am I," with a glad thrill at the thought of being able to lend a hand in this work of healing to which so much of the Master's life on earth was given? Perhaps there come with the thought the half-defined questions, "Just how are we to do this work? Where shall we begin? What will be the cost?" Let us take up the last question and "first count the cost."

Our society has pledged itself for one-half the total amount of $10,000. But besides the dollars and cents, it will also cost careful planning and some real self-sacrifice to accomplish this work, for we have so much confidence in the warm-hearted devotion of our young workers that we ask this to be a special offering, over and above what you have planned to do for the year.

"Where shall we begin?" What better starting-place can you have than at your May meeting? Let your thank-offerings at your mission festival be put aside for this object.

"How are we to begin? How shall we bring this before our bands?" These questions have been anticipated, and the carefully-prepared machinery is waiting your touch to set it in motion. First send for some of the leaflets which set forth so clearly and beautifully the needs of this work. Try to get the little pink messengers into every family and every Sunday-school class. Send also for samples of the certificate of stock. There are many children in the church who can afford to buy at least one share at twenty-five cents. Where this is really impossible, let a class or several members of a band club together; the pink certificate will be kept and prized long after the pleasure it may have cost would

have been forgotten. Older classes or mission circles may join in obtaining one of the "In Memoriams" from $10 to $100.

Shall we not aim at having every young person in the church bear some share in this blessed work, which shall stand as a memorial of the young followers of Christ in America, in the fair, beautiful Laos country?

NOTE.—The monthly letter for May, "Cholera Times in Siam," may be obtained by addressing MONTHLY LETTERS, 23 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK CITY. Price 10 cents per dozen.

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the Assembly Room, 1334 Chestnut Street, Tuesday, May 6, 1884, at 11 A.M. M. B. SMITH, *Recording Secretary.*

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Genesee Pres., Stone Ch., N. Y.
Mahoning Pres., Pleasant Valley Ch., Ohio.
Lehigh Pres., Brainerd Ch., Easton, Pa.; Ashland, Pa.; Mahoning City, Pa.; Port Carbon, Pa.

BANDS.

Argyle, N. Y., The Reapers.
Bloomfield, N. J., Westminster Band (boys).
Montrose, Pa., Bright Jewels.
Mansfield, O., Mission Band.
Massillon, O., Mission Band.
Perth Amboy, N. J., Y. L. B.
Syracuse, N. Y., 4th Ch., Y. L. B.
Philadelphia, Pa., Alexander Ch., Minnie Bd.; Central Ch., Central Bd.; Mantua Ch., Forget-me-nots; West Arch St. Ch., Daughters of the King.
Scranton, Hyde Park, Washburn St. Ch., The Gleaners.
Wheeling, W. Va., Laughlin Bd.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Alexander, Mattie L.
Andrews, Mrs. Wm.
Burnham, Mrs. Elizabeth
Carman, Mrs. A.
Corbet, Miss Ella
Davidson, Mrs. J. Blair
Emery, Mrs. D.
Fosnot, Mrs. M. R.
Gates, Miss Sarah B.
Haft, Miss M. J.
Halsey, Miss Getty
Hays, Mrs. J. M.
Hitner, Mrs. Eliza K.
Hornberger, Mrs. J. T.
Hopkins, Mrs. L. D.
Hubbard, Miss P. F.
Humphreys, Mrs. Isabella
Hunt, Mrs. R. J.
Irvine, Mrs. Maggie
Jacobus, Mrs. P.
Knowlton, Mrs. Susan F.
Knox, Miss Emma L.
Lesnett, Mrs. John, Sr.
Logan, Mrs. Martha W.
McClure, Mrs. J. G. K.
McElwaine, Miss Mary
Maddox, Mrs. N. A. H.
Manning, Mrs. Harry
Martin, Mrs. Martha
Miller, Mrs. Frank E.
Mooney, Mrs. John
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Noble, Mrs. M. A.
Park, Mrs. Margaret M.
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Rutherford, Mrs. Nancy
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Stough, Mrs. Thos.
Swigert, Mrs. E. T.
Wilson, Rev. J. P., D.D.
Wood, Miss Olive

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from March 1, 1884.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Athens Aux., 25; Carthage, 5; Marietta, 4th St. Ch. (of which 5 from an old lady and her daughter), Persia, 38; Warren Aux., 5. 73 00

BALTIMORE. — Baltimore, Aisquith St. Aux., zenana work, 100; Bd., work Africa, 40; Boundary Ave. Aux., 110, Boys' Bd., 7 64, Girls' Bd., 25, S. S., 25 (50), sch'p Dehra, S. S., schs. Lahore, 45; Broadway Aux., 18 50; Brown Mem. Aux., Miss'y India, 400, Smith and McKenzie Bd., sch'p Dehra, 40, Mrs. E. P. S. Jones Bd., tea. and two sch'ps Sidon, 135, S. S., for sch. Lahore, 92 46, Miss Singleton's Class, Miss'y Lahore, 25, Miss. School, same, 10, Gen. Fund, 25 56; Central Church Aux., Miss'y Lahore, 150, S. S., sch's Lahore. 150, Dugdale Bd., Lodiana bld'g, 12, Seek and Save Bd., Miss'y Lahore, 50; 2d Ch. Aux., 125; 12th Ch. Aux., sch's Lahore, 48, Mrs. Wylie's Bible Cl., work Lahore, 65, Band, sch'p Saharanpur, 30, sch. Mexico, 35; Lafayette Sq. Aux., for Africa, 100, Earnest Workers, sch'p Shanghai, 40, sch'p Futtehgurh, 30; Westminster Aux., zenana work, 67 50, Waldensian Ch., 10; Belair Aux., 13 40; Chestnut Grove Aux., 53 50; Churchville Aux., 70; Cumberland Aux., 30, Bd., 3; Deer Creek Harmony Aux., 20; Frederick Aux., Lodiana bld'g, 23 97; Hampden Aux., 20 27, Y. L. B., 5, Children's Bd., 9; Havre de Grace Aux., 20; Williamsport, Little Workers, Lodiana bld'g, 40; Col. at Prcs. Meeting, training sch. Japan, 58 75. 2378 45

BLAIRSVILLE.—Beulah Aux., Miss'y, 70, Band, 10, Mrs. E. M. Graham, Mexico, 2; Blairsville Aux., sch'ps Oroomiah and Bogota, 32 07, Birthday box, Dehra bld'g, 8 05, Gen. Fund, 13 40, Children's Bd., 20 37, S. S. at sch. house No. 19, for Miss'y, 7 51, Seminary Bd., 10 08; Braddock Aux., 41; Congruity Aux., 10; Cross Roads, 6; Derry, 59 56; Ebensburg Aux., sch'p Sidon, 50; Greensburg Aux., sch'p Sidon, 50, Industrial sch. Ningpo, 50, Miss'y, 25; Foster Bd., sch'p Ningpo, 40; Harrison City, 22; Irwin Aux., 46 02, McGogney Bd., 10; Johnstown Aux., 50, Y. L. B., 25 78, Miss S. J. Duncan, B. R. Hangchow, 36; Latrobe, 56 90; Ligonier, 22; Murrysville Aux., B. R. Petchaburi, 54, Laos Hosp., 25, Bright Eye Bd., 5; New Alexandria (Miss'y, 30), 34 02; New Salem Aux., sch'p Ningpo, 40; New Salem, Branch of Congruity, 17; Pine Run, 27 26; Plum Creek Aux., 30, Y. L. B., 7; Col. at annual Pres. Meeting, training sch. Japan, 21 23. 1034 25

BUTLER. — Butler Aux., 26, Mite Box Bd., 7; Centre, 37; Centreville Aux., 11 20, Band, 6; Clintonville Aux., 46; Concord Aux., 83 50, Band, 23 90; Fairview Aux., 11; Harrisville Aux., 42; Martinsburg Aux., 10; Middlesex Aux., 22 85, Band, 7 50; Mount Nebo Aux., 24, Circle, 15, gift from heirs of Mrs. Mary Hays, 13; Muddy Creek, 45 50; New Hope, 10; North Butler, 24 25; North Liberty Aux., 8 76; North Washington, 32 20; Pine Grove Aux., 76 33, Foundation Stones, 39 82, Band, 21; Plain Grove Aux. (thank-off., 12 58), 31 58, Band, 10; Pleasant Valley Aux., 26; Portersville, 32; Scrubgrass, 32 50; Sunbury Aux., 14 50, Pearls of Hope, 13; Unionville, 31 25; Westminster Aux., 11, Miss'y California and Gen. Fund. 845 64

CARLISLE.—Harrisburg, 1st, Wallace A. McCarroll, sch'p Saharanpur, 30 00

CHESTER. — Atglen, 20 09; Bryn Mawr Aux., zenana work, 50; Chester, 1st, Ruby Bd., sch'p Wewoka, 50; Chester, 3d, Aux., 15 50; Christiana Aux., 15; Darby Aux., 30, Sunbeam Bd., add'l, Lodiana bld'g, 2 74; Dilworthtown, Little Gleaners, 4 77; Downingtown Aux., 47 32, Golden Links, 26 77, Little Agnes Bd., 6 22; Great Valley Aux. (thank-off., 82 70), 102, Fulton Bd., 24 57; Honeybrook, Wherry Bd., Miss'y India, 12 34; Kennet Sq. Aux., 20; Marple Aux., 19; New London Aux., B. R. Canton, 27 65; Nottingham Aux., same, 8 35; Oxford, 1st, Aux., 40; Oxford, 2d, Aux., teacher Liberia, 3; Phœnixville Aux., 15 25; Wayne, Y. L. B., 15; West Grove Aux., 23 29; West Chester Aux., 285, Y. P. B., sch'p Sidon, 50, Willing Hands, sch. Gaboon, 20. 933 86

CHILLICOTHE.—Bloomingburg Aux., 10, Y. P. B., 20; Chillicothe, 1st, Aux., 75; Chillicothe, 3d, Aux., 13 61; Concord, 6, Earnest Workers, 3; Frankfort Aux., 15; Greenfield Aux., 25 90, Y. L. B., 11, Snowflakes, for China, 6, Whatsoevers, 5; Hampden, 10; Hillsboro', 44; Marshall, 2 74; Mt. Pleasant, 20; North Fork, 17 34; Washington C. H. Aux., 26 45, Y. L. B., 2 75 (applied 107 51 to Miss'y Bogota). 313 19

CLARION.—Brookville Aux., sch. Syria, 100, Med. Fund, 22 75, Y. L. B. (sch. Canton, 75), 83, Bd., 20; Clarion, Children's Bd., 20; Edenburg Aux., 13 55; Emlenton Aux., 24 50, Band, 5; Greenville Aux., 12, Y. L. Soc., 33; Leatherwood Aux., 11 55; Licking Aux., 17 35; New Bethlehem Aux., 38 30, Band, 13 63, S. S., 33 62; Oak Grove Aux., 6 30; Oil City, 2d (two sch'ps Futtehgurh, 60), 90, Band, 6; Perrysville, 7; Pisgah Aux., B. R. Chefoo, 30, Band, 30; Tionesta Aux., 15; West Millville Aux., 10 50. 643 05

ERIE.—Erie, Chestnut St., Aux., 4 60

GENESEE VALLEY.—Bradford Aux., Chinese helper and sch'p California, 98 00

GENEVA.—Romulus Aux., 62 00

HUDSON.—Centreville, 10 80; Florida Bd., 25; Hamptonburg Aux., 5; Monroe Aux., 33 50, S. S., 28; Mt. Hope, 12 88; Ridgebury Aux., 13; Washingtonville, Y. L. B., 4 50. 132 68

HUNTINGDON.—Beulah Aux., 22 13; Bellefonte, Loring Bd., Tr. sch. Japan, 50, Kolapoor, 10; Birmingham, Mt. Sem. Bd., 100, Duncansville Aux., 7; Fruit Hill Aux., 13; Hollidaysburg, Willing Workers, 50, Little Helpers, 32 88, Hope Band, 30 02; Houtzdale Aux., 24 64; Huntingdon, Tr. sch. Japan, 20 50, J. R. Simpson Bd., sch'p Gaboon, 15; Lewistown, Busy Workers, 23 73; Middle Tuscarora Aux., 10; Penfield, Y. L. B., 1; Sinking Valley, Gleaners, 20; Tyrone Aux., Med. Fund, 26; a lady of Bedford co., 3 75. 459 65

[$120 acknowledged in April *Woman's Work* from the Misses Stewart, should have been from Spruce Creek Aux. Society.]

KITTANNING. — Currie's Run Aux., 90; Elderton Aux., 85 43; Freeport Aux., Miss'y Siam, 25; Glade Run Aux., 37; Harmony Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 30, Willing Workers, zenana work, 30; Indiana Aux., 290; Kittanning Aux., Miss'y Allahabad, 225; Midway Aux., 6 75; Saltsburg, Little Sunbeams, Lodiana bld'g, 25; Slate Lick Aux., 22 40, Fruit Buds, 5 60, sch. Kolapoor; Srader's Grove Aux., Lodiana bld'g, 36; Union Aux., 21; Washington Aux., 35; West Glade Run, B. R. Canton, 25; Worthington Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 50. 1039 18

LACKAWANNA.—West Pittston, Y. L. B., Dehra bld'g, 75; Wilkesbarre Chapel Bd., sch'p Gaboon, 15. 90 00

LEHIGH.—Allentown, Bd. of Helpers, 35 50, Loring Circle, 21 58; Ashland Aux., 2 43; Bangor Aux., 10; Bethlehem Aux., Miss'y Lodiana, 10; Easton, 1st, Aux., Bogota sch., 25, Miss'y, 10; East Stroudsburg Aux., 6; Hazleton Aux., 30, S. S. (50 sch. Saharanpur), 86 61; Hokendauqua Aux., 8, Cheerful Workers, 4; Mauch Chunk Aux., Miss'y, 26 05, Ferrier Bd., Sao Paulo sch., 24, Nevius Bd. (boys), Lodiana bld'g, 20; Middle Smithfield Aux., 33 07; Delaware Water Gap Aux., 21 53, Water Gap Rill Bd., 9 20; Pottsville, 2d, Aux., 18 10; Port Carbon Aux., 3 75; Reading, 1st, Aux., 35 95, Sparkling Gems, 2 sch'ps Lodiana, 60; Reading, Washington St. Aux., 2 40; South Easton, Ferrier Aux., Miss'y, 20; Stroudsburg Aux., 17 25; Summit Hill Aux., Gaboon, 20; Tamaqua Aux., Miss'y, 9 40. 569 84

MAHONING.—Beloit Aux., 8 20; Ellsworth Aux., 31; New Lisbon Aux., 74 18, Mission Gleaners, sch'p Saharanpur, 14, Inf. Cl., 2, Y. L. B., sch. Bogota, 54; North Benton Aux., 34, Y. L. B., 36 (70), Miss'y Bogota; Petersburg Aux., 11; Poland Aux., 20, Y. L. B., sch'p Wewoka, 50; Salem Aux. (work India, 10), 56 50, Amaranth Bd., 10, Inf. Sch., 16 (26), sch'p Bogota, S. S., 15; Warren Aux., 51 41, S. S., 11 31. 394 60

MONMOUTH.—Barnegat Aux., 16, S. S., 4, Foster Bd., 2 (22), Miss'y Africa; Burlington Aux. (sch'p Dehra, 40, Miss'y, 40), 97; Cream Ridge Aux., work Ratnigiri, 11 50; Hightstown Aux., bell Soochow, 36, Miss'y, 14, Amaranth Bd., Miss'y, 30; Holmanville Aux., Miss'y, 16; Lakewood Aux., 14, S. S., 16 (30), sch'p Beirut; Matawan Aux., sch'p China, 40; Mt.

Holly Aux. (sch'p Sidon, 45), 49 85; New Egypt Aux., work Ratnigiri, 20; Plattsburg, S. S., 6; Riverton, Calvary Ch. (sch'p Lodiana, 30, sch'p Gaboon, 15), 45. 417 35

Morris and Orange.—Orange, 2d, Aux., Miss'y China, 200, Heart and Hand Bd., sch'p Sidon, 12 50. 212 50

New Brunswick. — Amwell, 1st, Aux., 65; Amwell, United 1st, Sao Paulo sch., 20; Amwell, 2d, 16 75; Mt. Airy, S. S., 4 25; Copper Hill, S. S., sch. Sao Paulo, 17; Ella Kuhl Bd., 40; Flemington Aux., 135, Ella Kuhl Circle, 12, Gleaners, Miss'y Brazil, 40; Frenchtown Aux., 27 37; Holland Aux., day-sch. Syria, 15; Hopewell, Gleaners, 30; Lawrenceville Aux., sch'p Beirut, 100, Gosman Bd., sch'p Benita, 20; Milford Aux., sch. Syria, 60; New Brunswick, 1st, Aux. (sch. Kobikicho, Japan, 125, Dehra bld'g, 25), 200; Pennington Aux., zenana work, 41 31, Anna Foster Bd., sch. Bogota, 10; Princeton, 1st, Aux., 232 56, Dale Bd., work Syria, 68 94; Ringoes, Kirk Mem. Aux., 16, Kent Bd., 8 (24), sch. Sao Paulo; Stockton Aux., 21 50; Trenton, 3d, Aux., B. R. Kolhapur, 100, Beatty Bd., 40, S. S., 40, sch'ps, Dehra; Trenton, 4th, Aux., Miss'y Allahabad, 300, Emily Bd., sch'p Gaboon, 15; Trenton, Prospect St. Aux., sch. Sao Paulo, 30; Trenton, 5th, Aux. (White Mem.), 42; Titusville, 12 08. 1803 84

New Castle.—Cool Spring Aux., 11 12; Elkton Aux., 60; Federalsburg Aux., 5; Forest Aux. (Middletown), 12; Manokin Aux. (sch'p Futtehgurh, 30), 40 24, Bd., Lodiana bld'g, 16 50; Milford Aux., 20; Rehoboth, Pocomoke Bd., 2 35; Lower West Nottingham, sch. Canton, 87; Wicomico Aux. (Salisbury), Med. Fund., 72 50; Wilmington, Central, Bd., 30; Olivet Aux., 10; West Church Aux., 69; Zion Aux., 25. 447 71

North Pacific Branch.—Hillsboro' Aux., 8 87; Roseburg, Mrs. W. E. Smick, 1; Salem Aux., 7. 16 87

Northumberland.—Bald Eagle and Nittany Aux., 17; Bloomsburg Aux. (25 for L. M.), 97 60, Bd. of Hope, 40 11, Junior Miss. Bd., 40 28; Buffalo (Mifflinburg), 27; Danville, Grove Ch., Aux., 21; Danville, Mahoning Aux. (orphan Saharanpur, 30), 66, S. S., 42 50, Willing Workers, China, 11 21; Elliott Aux. (3 churches), B. R. San Francisco, 50, Little Workers for Jesus, Watsontown, 5; Hartleton Aux., 14; Jersey Shore Aux., sch'p Beirut, 50; Lewisburg Aux., 41 35, Soul Lovers, 7; Mifflinburg Aux., 20; Milton Aux., 90 50, Ruby Blessing Bd., 17 25; Muncy Aux., Med. Fund, 61 50; Lycoming Aux. (Newberry), 7 35, Newton Bd., sch'p Lahore, 40 75; Northumberland Aux., 15; Orangeville Aux., 25; Rohrsburg Aux., 23 17; Sunbury, Dew Drops, sch'p Lodiana, boys' sch., 9; Washington Aux., sch'p Sidon, 55, Y. L. Br., 11 40, Children's Bd., 3 16; Washingtonville Aux., 23; Williamsport, 2d, Aux. (sch'p Sidon, 50, training sch. Japan, 3, Mrs. A. D. Lundy, L. M., 25, Misses Wilson, L. M., 25), 163, Loring Bd. (½ sch'p Beirut, 40, L. M., 25, Med. Fund, 15), 80, Ministering Children, 6 67; Williamsport, 3d, S. S., sch. Lahore, 50, Y. L. B., 8 50 (applied 247 83 to Miss'y California). 1277 65

Philadelphia.—Bethany Ch. Aux., outfit Miss'y Laos, 119 93, Heralds of the Cross, sch'p Tungchow, 40; Calvary Ch. Aux., Miss'y Syria, 309, Tr. sch. Japan, 126, Otto Bd., Miss'y, 25, Humphrey Bd., nat. tea. Beirut, 100; Chambers Aux., Miss'y Mexico, 250; Clinton St. Immanuel Aux., Bancho sch. Tokio, 150; in memory of May Belle Lombard, 32, a member, Tr. sch. Japan, 10; 1st Ch. Aux. (Miss'y Canton, 450, Tr. sch. Japan, 48), 538, Albert Barnes Mem. Bd. (nat. tea. Syria, 150, Lodiana bld'g, 82 60), 215; Holland Mem. Aux., zenana work, 22; 9th Ch., Y. P. B., Dehra bld'g, 20; 2d Ch. Aux., 427, Beadle Bd., 100 (500 Miss'y Persia); South Ch. Aux., 33 03, Cheerful Givers, sch'p Dehra, 20, Earnest Workers, sch'p Futtehgurh, 28 30; Tabernacle Aux., 188 41, Little Maids, 8 05 (196 46), Lodiana bld'g; Southwestern Ch., John McLeod Bd., Lodiana bld'g, 10; 10th Ch. Aux., add'l, Mexico, 25, Miss Dillaye (Tr. sch. Japan, 50, B. R. Japan, 50), 100, Miss Foote, B. R. Japan, 10; Union Ch. Aux., Lodiana bld'g, 10 20; Walnut St. Ch. Aux., Miss'y Beirut, 450, S. S., sch'p Beirut, 100, Ready Helpers, sch. Mexico, 5; Westminster Aux. (sch. Syria, 39), 60; West Spruce St. Aux. (Miss'y

Chefoo, 400), 435, Busy Bees, Mexico, 13 80; Wharton St. Aux., sch. Syria, 21; Woodside Aux. (1st Ref. Ch.), 2 sch'ps Dehra, 60. 4039 32

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL.—Alexander Ch., a lady, sch'p Teheran, 25, Ladies, L. M., 25; Arch St. Aux. (Med. Fund, 25), 50; Bethesda Ch., Mrs. A. D. Kennedy, Tr. sch. Japan, 24; Bethlehem Aux., sch'p Dehra, 20; Cohocksink Aux., Miss'y India, 106; Kenderton Aux., Bancho sch., 30; Kensington, 1st, Mary L. Baird Bd., sch'p Oroomiah, 30; Mantua Ch., Cheerful Workers, sch. Sao Paulo, 31, sch'p Ningpo, 20; McGavock Bd., Sao Paulo sch., 75; Memorial Ch., Lilies of the Field, sch'p Gaboon, 15; North Broad St., Y. L. B., Tr. sch. Japan, 90, Harper Bd., 21 85; Northminster Aux., Miss'y Mexico, 165 72; Oxford Aux. (zenana vistor Lahore, 300), 350, Primary Sch., 20, F. L. Robbins Bd., sch'p Dehra, 40, S. S., orphan Saharanpur, 30, Y. L. Br., sch. Sao Paulo, 50; Princeton Aux., Miss'y Mexico, 300, special for Dakota Miss., 111 29, Y. L. Soc. (sch'p Sidon, 50), 57 85, Day Dawn Bd., sch'p Futtehgurh, 30, Fullerton Bd., sch'p Futtehgurh, 30, Henry Bd., orphan Saharanpur, 30; West Arch St. Ch. Aux., 30, Boys' Bd., Lodiana bld'g, 17, Y. L. B., sch. Sao Paulo, 40, Carrier Doves, sch'p Bancho, 50. 1914 71

PHILADELPHIA NORTH. — Germantown, 2d, S. S., sch'p Dehra, 40, Lodiana bld'g, 20; Providence, Pastor's Aid Soc., 32. 92 00

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Centre Ch., Ladies, Lodiana bld'g, 24; Cannonsburg, Miss E., Dehra repairs, 5. 29 00

REDSTONE. — Belle Vernon Aux., summer retreat Oroomiah, 22 15, Happy Bd., work Nez Perces, 18; Brownsville Aux. (sch'p Sidon, 40), 60; Connellsville Aux. (Miss'y, 25), 109 60, Johnston Bd., 4 75; Dunbar Aux., Corisco, 50, Loring Bd., same, 23, Miss'y, 20; Dunlap's Creek Aux., 20, Bd., Miss'y, 8 15; McKeesport Aux., Miss'y, 102 60; Mt. Pleasant Aux., 60; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion Aux. (25 for Miss'y), 80, Layyah Bd., 13; Mt. Vernon Aux., 8; New Providence Aux., zenana work, 45; New Salem Aux., 11 50; Pleasant Unity Aux. (17 50 for Miss'y), 24 50, Trusting Bd., 3; Rehoboth Aux., 31 37, Willing Workers, 10 87; Tent Aux., Siam, 25; Round Hill Aux., Miss'y, 50. 800 49

ROCHESTER.—Dansville Aux., Miss'y Africa, 50; Groveland Aux., 13 64; Livonia Aux., sch. Mexico, 50; Ogden Centre Aux., 38; Sparta, 2d, Aux., sch'p Dehra, 40; Sweden Aux., sch'p Ningpo, 25. 216 64

ST. CLAIRSVILLE. — New Athens Aux., 61 00

ST. LAWRENCE.—Adams Aux., 24 62, S. S., 9 37; Brownville, sch'p Sidon, 13; Cape Vincent, 27 89; Carthage, 15; Gouverneur, 3 85; Morristown, 18; Oswegatchie, 1st, Aux., 60; Oxbow Aux., sch'p Mynpurie, 30, Do What You Can Bd., 10; Sackett's Harbor Aux., 20, S. S., 10; Waddington Aux., 29 50; Watertown, 1st (sch'p Shanghai, 30, sch. Mexico, 100), 230 (228 23 for Miss'y Futtehgurh). 501 23

SHENANGO. — Neshannock Aux., Miss'y Japan, 40 00

SYRACUSE.—Fulton Aux., 35; Onondaga Valley Aux., 15; Syracuse, 4th Ch., Aux., Miss'y Japan, 174, Corea, 25, Tr. sch. Japan, 25, Gen. Fund, 18. 292 00

UTICA.—Knoxboro' Aux., sch'p Sidon, 22 15

WASHINGTON CITY.—Falls Aux., 3; Washington, 1st, Aux., 25; 4th Ch. Aux., work Talaguga, 82 61; Metropolitan Aux., 15, Mateer Bd., boy Tungchow, 20; North Ch. Aux., 7 50; Western Aux., 28 70; West St. Aux., 15 (94 20 for Miss'y India). 196 81

WEST CHESTER.—Thompsonville, S. S., sch'p Dehra, 40 00

WESTMINSTER.—Pine Grove Aux., 20; York, Inf. Cl., Lodiana bld'g, 15 09. 35 09

WEST VIRGINIA.—Sugar Grove Aux., 7, Bd., 2 45. 9 45

WOOSTER.—Wooster, S. S., Christmas off., 2 50

MISCELLANEOUS. — Astoria, Oregon, Mrs. M. C. Flavel, 5 05; Beach City, O., Mrs. Lucetta Crise, 2, Vivie, Lola and Bruce's Miss. Fund, 1 (3); Bridgeport, O., Mrs. M. E. Blackford, 1; Catasauqua, Pa., Allie Randall's savings for Wei Hein, China, 2 63; Clinton, W. Va., mite-box of John A. Jacobs, 2 28; Dryden, N. Y., Mrs. H. B. Williams, 2; Dayton, N. J., Mrs.

C. L. Stuart-Dickson, 2; Eaton, O., Favola Bratton, half her spending money, 1 90, Bertha Schwab, proceeds of three rows of potatoes, 1 (2 90); Kingston, Pa., Mrs. H. H. Welles, 25; North Wales, Pa., W. T. Wray, 10; New Haven, Conn., two sisters, 50; Verona, Wis., for Indians, 40 cts.; Philadelphia, Pa., A. E. (Med. Fund, 10), 20; Rush, Pa., Miss M. Shoemaker, 50; E. M. S., 2; Portsmouth, O., 2d Ch., Busy Bees, sch'p Gaboon, 18 25; *For training school Japan*—Philadelphia, Pa., cash, 4, Mrs. W. E. Schenck, 20, "S. C. D.," 1, cash, 1, anon., 2, "D. M. A. T.," 2; Bridesburg, Pa., Mrs. L. Worthington, 5; Fox Chase, Pa., Mrs. S. J. Milliken and family, 5; Passaic, N. J., Mrs. J. F. C. Demarest, 5; Binghamton, N. Y., Aux., 13 50; Mrs. E. Benton, 2; Tenafly, N. J., per Mr. J. C. Ballagh, and sale of Japanese curiosities, 54 56; Ukiah, Cal., Mrs. H. B. McBride, 5; one interested heart and life in foreign missions, 25; Historical Sketches sold, 26 15; Leaflets, etc., 33 99. 401 71

Total for March, 1884,	$22,925 46
Previously acknowledged,	47,387 27
Total from May 1, 1883,	$70,312 73

The Young Ladies' Bands of Alexander Ch., Philadelphia, and Wakefield Ch., Germantown, Pa., have forwarded a valuable box of clothing, etc., to Donna Palmyra Leite and children, of Sorocaba, Brazil. Young Ladies' Bands of Arch St., Northern Liberties and Tenth Chs., Philadelphia, have sent fancy articles and cards to Sao Paulo, Brazil. Linen and towelling for training school, Japan, have been received from Mrs. A. D. Kennedy, Philadelphia. The Adelaide Howard Band, Second Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa., has sent a set of commentaries to Africa, value, $6 67. The Auxiliary Society of Raymelton, Pa., has sent clothing to Teheran, Persia, valued at $4 67.

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treasurer*,
April 1, 1884. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE.

TO BE READ AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS IN MAY.

1 Chron. xvi. 1–36. *Golden Text for the Month.*—1 Chron. xvi. 29. "Give unto the Lord the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Bismarck, Dak., reorganized.
Cedar Rapids, Ia., Coe College, Y. L. Circle.
Grafton, Dak., Busy Gleaners.
Helena, Mon., Sabbath-school.
Jamestown, Dak.
Mandan, Dak.
Miles City, Mon.
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Busy Bees.
New Sharon, Ia., Sabbath-school.
Santa Paula, Col.
South Bend, Ind., Sabbath-school.
What Cheer, Ia.

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Scrap-book Pictures, 12 in set,	10
Siam and Laos, Questions and Answers (10 copies, 50 cts.),	6
Memorial Hymn and Music (Dr. G. W. Coan),	5
Missionary Atlas,	10
"The Field is the World," an evening entertainment,	15
Seeking Information, an evening entertainment, 2 for	5
The Mother at Home, by Pansy, 2 for	5
A Mute Appeal in Behalf of Foreign Missions, per 100,	30
Constitution and Hints for Organization,	free.
Constitution for Mission Bands,	"
Plan for Organizing Sabbath-schools into Foreign Missionary Societies,	"
Collectors' Envelopes (1 large and 12 small in set), per set,	2
Mite-boxes, free, except postage 5 boxes,	2
Go Tell, per dozen,	5
The Master is Come, per dozen,	10
Asleep, per dozen,	10
Our Hour of Prayer, per dozen,	10
Women Commissioned (per dozen, 20 cts.),	2
How Much do I Owe? per dozen,	10
Responsibilities of Protestant Women in View of What is done by Sisters of Charity, per dozen,	10
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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, to March 20, 1884.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON.—Alton, 10 54; Carlinville, Monterey sch'p, 19 70; 18 per cent., 9; Hillsboro', 11 75; Jerseyville, 25; Plainview, 4 85; Woodburn, 15 55.
96 39

BELLEFONTAINE.—Urbana, 1st, S. S., Oroomiah Hospital, 25; Marseilles, 2 75; Bellefontaine, 25; Bucyrus, 75; Kenton, 21; S. S., 5; Nevada, 6 79; Upper Sandusky, 14 03; Urbana, 50—last seven sal. Miss Hartwell; Kenton, 2 54; Urbana, 7—both 18 per cent.; Bellefontaine Bd., 20; Forest, 10; Children's Bd., 2 77; Marseilles, 21 25; Nevada, 6 79; Urbana, 20—last six for H. M. 314 92

BLOOMINGTON —Buckley, sal. tea. Liberia, 27; S. S., 10 80; Chenoa, 35; Y. L. S., 25—both Dehra sch'p; Danville, thank-off., 15; S. S., 25; El Paso, S. S., envelopes, 2 75; Gilman, 12; Lexington, 7 50; S. S., 12; Minonk, Mexico, 13; Monticello, 29 90; S. S., 10 70; Normal, 20; Paxton, 13 75; Rossville, Bangkok sch'p, 10; Towanda, 5 25. 274 65

CAIRO.—Bridgeport, 9; Carmi, 25 30; thank-off., 11; Centralia Bd., Laos sch'p, 6 25; 18 per cent., 4 50; Cobden, 14; Grand Tower, 25; Shawneetown, 16; Tamaroa, 10. 121 05

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Huron, Pres. off., 16 50

CHICAGO.—Chicago, Friend of Missions, 5; 1st, 49 51; Pres. off., 143; Beirut sch., 75; 2d, to prevent retrenchment, 279 45; Ambala B. R., 50; 4th, 100; sal. Miss Anderson, 157 75; S. S., Christmas off., 18 59; Laos sch., 49 31; Y. L. S., 19; Mothers' Mite Soc., 3 67; Howe St. Miss., 15; 6th, Bd., 10; sal. Miss Downs, 45 15; Miss Jacob's work, 12 57; Jefferson Park Ch., sal. Miss Downs, 50; Evanston, 95; Hyde Park, Pres. off., 104 83; sal. Mrs. Peoples, 80 51; Lake Forest, 65; Pres. off., 20; Y. P. S., 17 25; Steady Streams, 66 63; S. S., Oroomiah sch'p, 30; Riverside, 16 65; Waukegan, Syrian sch., 55.
1633 87

CHIPPEWA. — Baldwin, Christian Sisters' Soc., 50 70

DENVER.—Boulder, Pres. off., 18 80; Denver, Capitol Ave. Ch., Pres. off., 14 45; Fetchaburi sch., 23 60; Central Ch., 28; thank-off., 205 25; Mrs. Hays, Y. L. B., 20 75; Mrs. Farmer's Cheerful Givers Bd., 50 67; Mrs. Marquis' Apple Blossoms, 20; West Denver, Westminster Ch., Pres. off., 10; Fort Collins, 10; Longmont, Benita sch'p, 20. 421 52

DES MOINES.—Albia, 12 50; Des Moines, 75; Indianola, 12 50; Leon, 12 50; Russell, 5; Winterset, 40.
157 50

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor, Gospel Messengers Bd., Oroomiah Hospital, 25; Detroit, 1st, sal. Mrs. Lucas, 322 92; Memorial Ch., B. R. India, 35; Cheerful Laborers, same, 15; Westminster Ch., Ladies' Union, 63; Laos sch'p, 25; Mexico sch., 50; societies united, Pres. off., 6; East Nankin, 15; Wing Lake Ch., Oroomiah sch'p, 30; Milford, Will Whipple Bd., Persian sch., 9; Ypsilanti, Pres. off., 29 22; sal. Miss Dean, 25; Y. L. S., same, 20; The Gleaners, Oroomiah sch'p, 30; India Workers, boy Saharanpur Orphanage, 20. 720 14

DUBUQUE.—Dubuque, 2d, 21 20; Miss M. A. Pollock, Lodiana sch'p 30; Hopkinton, 7 25; Independence, sal. Miss Pratt, 52 80; Jesup, 2 50; Lansing, Mexico bld'g, 10; sal. Miss Jewett, 10; Mt. Hope, same, 7; Pine Creek, 4 50; West Union, sal. Monterey, 2 50. 147 75

FORT WAYNE.—Elkhart, 70 25; Ft. Wayne, 1st and 3d, sal. Mrs. Farnham, 400; 2d, Osaka bld'g, 31 72; Goshen, Shanghai sch'p, 10; Persian sch., 3; Laos, 12; S. S. M. S., Gaboon sch'p, 25; freewill off., 8 18; Huntington, 46 32; La Grange, 39 10; Pierceton, S. S., 5 50; Warsaw, 20.
671 07

GRAND RAPIDS.—Evart, 10; Grand Rapids, 1st, Bangkok sch'p, 15; Ionia, 21; Muir, 5. 51 00

FREEPORT.—Belvidere, 24 40; Freeport, 1st, S. S., 45 46; Hanover, 16; Lena, 30 51; Middle Creek Ch., 68 86; Rockford, Westminster Ch., 82; Y. L., 30; Warren, H. M., 16; Children's Soc., 13 10; Winnebago, Bd., 5.
331 33

HASTINGS.—Ayr, 2; Edgar, 12 30; Hansen, Cheerful Workers, 30; Hastings, 8; Nelson, 4. 56 30

Iowa.—Keokuk, sal. Miss Jewett, 25; Mt. Pleasant, 1st, 22 50; Highland Branch, Japan, 25. 72 50

Lansing.—Homer, Bd., 10; Lansing, 1st, 22 93—both Laos sch.; S. S., sal. Mrs. Hayes, 11 59; N. Lansing, Franklin St. Ch., 11; Marshall, 13 77; special off., 9 45; Cheerful Workers, 7 43; Mrs. Cook's S. S. class, 1 50; Tekonsha, Laos, 17 19. 104 86

Lima.—Delphos, 49 46; Findlay, 27; McComb, 10—all sal. Mrs. Leyenberger; Turtle Creek, Petchaburi sch'p, 10. 96 46

Mankato.—Blue Earth City, 7 50; Kasota, 5; Madelia, 6 25; Mankato, 42 35; Le Sueur, 50; St. Peter, 12 45; Y. L., 12 50; Winnebago City, 8 20; Y. L., 6 15; Worthington, 30 10. 180 50

Mattoon.—Kansas, fund for sending out new workers into the field, 4; Mexico, 22 45; A. E. Mitchell, 1; for H. M., 1; Mattoon, 10; Taylorville, sal. Miss Calhoun, 5 25. 43 70

Maumee.—Bowling Green, Willing Workers, sal. Miss Fetter, 5; Bryan, 52 71; Defiance, sal. Miss F., 30; Willing Hearts, Laos, 8; Delta, S. S., 4; Grand Rapids, 13; Napoleon, 11; Perrysburg, 13 15; Pleasant Ridge, sal. Miss F., 8 65; South Toledo, 3; Toledo, 1st, 30 50; sal. Miss F., 36 25; Livingstone Bd., 12; Westminster Ch., 65; 3d, 32 03; S. S., miss. boxes, 13 81; dime off., 1 35; Tontogany, sal. Miss F., 21; Weston, 10 50; sal. Miss F., 10 50. 381 45

Milwaukee.—Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., 37 50

Muncie.—Muncie, decennial off., 25; Portland, Rio Claro sch'p, 8 62; Union City, 10; Wabash, 38 87; annual off. from Mamie Little, who went home to heaven Oct., 1876, 1 25. 83 74

Pembina.—Bathgate, Pres. off., 4 10

Rock River.—Albany, 9 90; Morrison, Willing Helpers, Rawal Pindi sch., 15 35; Newton, 3 60; Canton sch'p, 15; Rock Island, Central Ch., S. S., 21 65; proceeds of fair, 68 35—both Osaka bld'g; Broadway Ch., S. S., 21 66; Sterling, Dehra sch'p, 28; Benga pub., 11. 194 51

St. Paul.—Minneapolis, Westminster Ch., Gleaners, Ningpo sch'p, 10 00

Schuyler.—Appanoose, 10; Augusta, Y. L., 3; Hersman, 10; Perry, 24 35. 47 35

Springfield. — Bates, 11; Little Missionary Soc., 15; Jacksonville, 1st, Y. L., 11 14; Lodiana sch'p, 30; Shanghai sch'p, 5; S. S., Rio Claro sch'p, 15; Central Ch., 25; N. Sangamon, Oroomiah Hospital, 1; Williamsville, same, 1; Pisgah Ch., Laos sch'p, 10; Springfield, 1st, S. S., Christmas off., 8; 2d, 70; 3d, Children of the King, Laos, 7 16. 209 30

Vincennes.—Vincennes, 11; Mrs. W. J. Hebard, 5; Y. L. S., 43 72. 59 72

Waterloo.—Constance G. Curtis, 25 cts.; Salem, 5 50; Scotch Grove, 5; Tama City, Mrs. Chapman, 5; Watkins, a friend, 5. 20 75

Whitewater.—Greensburg, Y. P. S., Benga pub., 2 70

Winnebago.—Fond du Lac, 18 54; Weyauwega, 10. 28 54

Winona.—Chatfield, 30 75; Owatonna, 20; Nan Intah Bd., 25; Rochester, 11 90; Winona, 18; Wykoff, 10. 115 65

Wisconsin River.—Madison, 1st, Pres. off., 45; Lowville, 10. 55 00

Memorial Fund.—By sale of "Brief Record," Laos memorial, 3 25

Miscellaneous. — Northboro', Ia., Royal and Carrie Porter, 40 cts.; T., part thank-off., woman's work in India, 5; Goodland, Ind., S. S., new year's off., 1; S. S. dime offs.—Chicago, 5th, 30 cts.; Howe St. Miss., 14 40; Peoria, 1st, 10 cts.; 2d, 16 50; Misc., 10 cts.; For publication of Report and Letter—Romney, Ind., 1; Alton Pres. Soc., 2 30; Bridgeport, Ill., 10 cts.; Freeport Pres. Soc., 2 50; Springfield Pres. Soc., 3 20; Bellefontaine Pres. Soc., 1 10; Turtle Creek, O., 1; Toledo, 3d, 1; Beloit, Wis., 1; Mankato Pres. Soc., 1; Iowa Pres. Soc., 25 cts.; Winona Pres. Soc., 1 30; Misc., 50 (16 25); New Carlisle, O., John V. Perrine, 10; Elmira, N. Y., Mrs. E. A. Ralyea, 40 cts.; By sale of leaflets, 12 11; of Historical Sketches, 11 75; Burrton, Kan., Miss Frood, 3 30; S. S. dime off., 4 19. 95 80

Total for month,	$6,912 07
Previously acknowledged,	36,782 23
From April 20 to Mar. 20,	$43,692 30

Bowling Green, O., W. M. S. has sent a box to Omaha mission, valued at $39.

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